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April 21 Soviet Embassy delivered by messenger note in reply US March 31 aide memoire replying to March 5 Soviet protest concerning Velikaya Kema incident. Following summary note.

Note accuses US of attempt to deny fact of violation, states that according to QUOTE carefully verified data...validity of which is not in doubt UNQUOTE an Lockheed American military aircraft type Appendix U-2, on March 2, 1958 at 4:05 a.m. Moscow time appearing from Sea of Japan violated Soviet frontier approximately 32 kilometers south of Velikaya Kema, penetrated deep into Soviet air space and left it at 8:11 a.m. at point 45 kilometers south of Olga Bay.

Note characterizes US reply as unsatisfactory and raises quest on as to misled whether or not US Government was/www.deliberately by its military representatives in Far East or whether it considered it possible to protect such persons subordinate to it, who, without regard to possible consequences, sanctioned violation of Soviet borders, thus creating threat of international complications.

Note states Soviet Government expects US Government will further investigate facts of violation, severely punish those guilty, take necessary measures to

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prehibit such violations in future, and concludes with assertion that in event of new violation full responsibility for consequences will fall upon US Government.

FXI Dept does not plan release US aide memoire unless Soviets publicise exchange.

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